

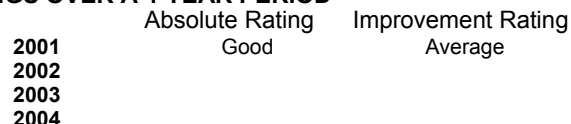
**ABSOLUTE RATING:** Good

**IMPROVEMENT RATING:** Average

Number of Elementary schools with students like ours: 87.

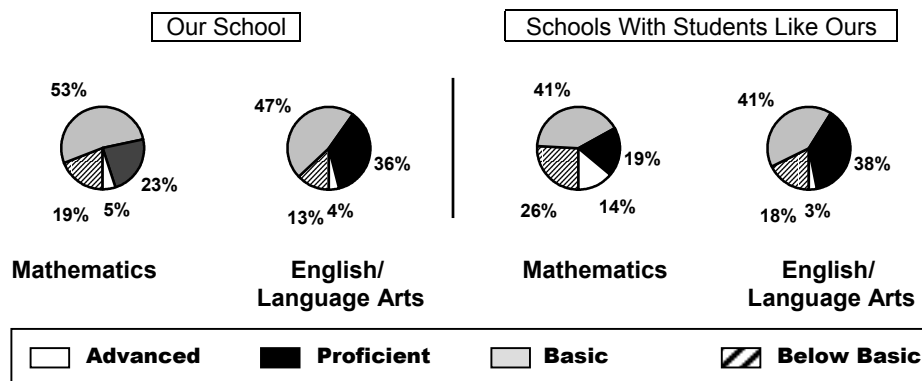
The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from average to excellent. For improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

## RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD



(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

## PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS



## DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

Science scores are to be reported on the 2004 School Report Card. Social studies scores are to be reported on the 2005 School Report Card.

PERCENT OF STUDENTS SCORING BASIC OR ABOVE ON THE PACT				
Student Group	English/ Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
<b>All students (n=99)</b>	86.9	80.8	N/A	N/A
Students with disabilities other than Speech (n=19)	N/A	N/A		
Students without disabilities (n=80)	90	86.3		
<b>Gender</b>				
Male (n=55)	80	80		
Female (n=44)	95.5	81.8		
<b>Ethnic Group</b>				
African American (n=N/A)	N/A	N/A		
Hispanic (n=2)	N/A	N/A		
White (n=97)	86.6	80.4		
Other (n=N/A)	N/A	N/A		
<b>Lunch Status Group</b>				
Free/reduced-price Lunch (n=32)	87.5	75		
Pay for lunch (n=67)	86.6	83.6		

## SCHOOL PROFILE

### INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

SCHOOL	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
• Dollars spent per student	\$6,228	N/A	\$5,171	\$5,347
• Prime instructional time	92.3%	Up from 89.7%	90.5%	90.2%
• Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	17.5 to 1	N/A	19.2 to 1	18.7 to 1
<b>STUDENTS (n=211)</b>				
• Attendance Rate	96.2%	Down from 96.8%	96.2%	96.2%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	14.1%	N/A	3%	4.1%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (math) off grade level	7.1%	N/A	2.1%	3.1%
• First graders who attended full day kindergarten	96.9%	Down from 100%	96.1%	96.3%
• Meeting grade 1 and 2 readiness standards	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
• Retention rate	7.1%	Up from 2.1%	2.9%	3.6%
<b>TEACHERS (n=16)</b>				
• Professional Development days per teacher	8.2 Days	Down from 8.6	7.8 Days	7.6 days
• Attendance Rate	97.1%	Up from 94.7%	95.4%	95.1%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	37.5%	Up from 35.7%	48.9%	47.7%
• Continuing contract teachers	81.3%	Down from 92.9%	85.7%	83.8%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	0%	No change	0%	0.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	92.1%	Down from 94.4%	88.8%	87.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$36,741	Up 9.1%	\$38,137	\$37,520

## SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	54.6%	N/A	64.7%	65.3%
• Principal's years at the school	1	N/A	4	4.0
• Parents attending conferences	99%	N/A	95.4%	95.6%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Good	Good
<b>STUDENTS</b>				
• On academic plans	36.6%	Up from 26.5%	37.9%	43.1%
• On academic probation	0%	N/A	0%	0.0%
• Older than usual for grade	0.5%	Up from 0%	0.9%	1.1%
• Suspended or expelled	0	N/A	0	1
• Gifted and talented	13.7%	Up from 6.9%	15.9%	11.5%
• With disabilities other than speech	16.6%	Up from 11.4%	8.3%	8.4%



## PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

Holly Springs Elementary School is located in the rural, mountainous part of Pickens County. Our projected enrollment for 2001-02 will be approximately 240 students, K-4 through fifth grade. Holly Springs is a child-centered "community" school with the motto "The small school with a big heart," which is indicative of the emphasis we place on our wonderful student population. With the help of our PTO and community, we will continue to provide excellent instruction in a warm and inviting atmosphere. We are very proud of the many accomplishments of our students and staff:

- Scholastic Book Fairs "Kids Are Authors" national winners for the past four years - Holly Springs has won first place on three occasions and received an honorable mention the other year. No other school in the nation has ever won the award more than once.
  - For the past two years, Holly Springs' fifth grade students have won the top three places in the Pickens Soil Conservation District's essay contest. Grade 2 also won the District's poster contest.
  - Over the past seven years, Holly Springs has had at least two gold or silver award winners at the AOP Regional Science Fair.
  - Holly Springs was certified as a "Schoolyard Habitat" by the National Wildlife Federation and received a "Carolina Fence Garden" certification from the SC Wildlife Federation. A community garden club was formed to help maintain the grounds.
  - Guidance program promotes service learning among our students.
  - Guidance counselor was named 2000 SC Elementary Counselor of the Year.
  - One-third of our classroom staff are National Board Certified.
  - Our media specialist recently was awarded her doctoral degree. We have a high percentage of teachers with masters' degrees.
  - One K5 teacher serves on the SC Early Childhood Advisory Board.
  - School events such as "Around-the-World Day," Nursery Rhyme Program, Fairy Tale Plays, Thanksgiving Feast, Fall Festival, and Fifth Grade Celebration involve the entire community.
  - Holly Springs is the only school in the district to be named to the Exemplary Writing Hall of Fame, serving as a model for other schools.
- Holly Springs is a wonderful place to work and learn!

### EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	100.0	96.6	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0	100.0	
Satisfied with home-school relations	100.0	100.0	

### DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

- Excellent** - School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.
- Good** - School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.
- Average** - School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.
- Below Average** - School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.
- Unsatisfactory** - School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Holly Springs Elementary  
120 Holly Springs School Road  
Pickens, SC 29671

Grades K-5 Elementary School

Enrollment: 211 Students

#### Principal

David Owen 864-898-5590

#### Superintendent

Dr. Mendel Stewart 864-855-8150

#### Board Chair

Mr. Ernie Fortner 864-859-2336

## THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School  
Report Card

2001

School Grade:  
Good



### South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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